



COMMISSION ON PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES

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CPM recommendations

Agenda item 10

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I. Introduction

1. A Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM) Recommendation is an adopted text by the Commission on important issues related to plant health, either to promote action on a specific phytosanitary issue or to address a more generalized issue. It covers issues or actions that national plant protection organizations (NPPOs) and regional plant protection organizations (RPPOs) have some influence, authority or competence to address. It also provides practical guidance and support for improving the implementation of the convention, a specific international standard for phytosanitary measure (ISPM) or set of ISPMs.

2. The Commission have been adopting CPM Recommendations for many years¹.

3. A contracting party (CP) or the IPPC Secretariat (the Secretariat), following the CPM Recommendations process and the agreed criteria², may propose a topic for a CPM Recommendation and present it to the CPM.

4. An initial draft of the proposed CPM Recommendation and the rationale or justification for its need should be presented to the CPM for consideration through the IPPC Secretariat (ippc@fao.org). In case where the CPM agrees with the proposal, the consultation period will be for a period of three months and it will start on the 01 July of that year via the Online Comment System (OCS).

¹ CPM Recommendations adopted: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/cpm/cpm-recommendations-1/cpm-recommendations/>

² CPM Recommendations process: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/cpm/cpm-recommendations-1/cpm-recommendations/recommendations-procedure/>

II. Review of CPM Recommendations in the work programme

A. “ Safe Provision of food and other humanitarian aid to prevent the introduction of plant pests during an emergency situation (2018-026)”

5. CPM-14(2019)³ considered the need for a CPM recommendation to encourage contracting parties to prepare for managing the phytosanitary risks associated with the export and import of food and other aid during an emergency situation, in order to reduce the introduction of plant pests in these circumstances. CPM-14 also agreed to the inclusion of the topic: “ *Safe Provision of food and other aid to prevent the introduction of plant pests during an emergency situation (2018-026)*” in the CPM Work Programme and approved the draft CPM Recommendation for consultation.

6. Following this request, the Secretariat circulated the draft CPM recommendation for country consultation between 1 July and 30 September 2019 using the OCS, with a view to presenting a final version for adoption.

7. Through this process, 508 comments were received (compiled comments are publically available on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP)⁴.) and have been addressed by the Secretariat and the submitting country to the maximum extent possible.

8. Revised text with supporting documents was presented to the CPM Bureau's (Bureau) December 2019 virtual meeting.

9. Most of the contracting parties supported this CPM Recommendation and some expressed that this topic be kept in the work programme for the development of an ISPM, as it was originally submitted to during the 2018 Call for topics and implementation. As the topic has been addressed through a CPM Recommendation, a new proposal will need to be provided and accepted, to re-include this topic on the work programme.

10. Many incorporated comments related to the use of terminology and scope consistent with the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) 5 (*Glossary of phytosanitary terms*).

11. The Bureau considered the comments with regards to mentioning World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and human health issues. In addition, Bureau reviewed the possible associated pest risks identified as being posed by provision of different types of humanitarian aid outlined in the appendices of the draft CPM recommendation. The comments of contracting parties were noted including those regarding the requirement for additional information and that some inclusions were beyond the IPPC's scope. The issue of the broad scope, raised by some contracting parties, and suggestion for having two separate CPM Recommendations was also discussed by the Bureau.

12. The Bureau, could not agree on whether to have the issue of aid, and all of the related risks (including that of contaminant pests), described in one CPM Recommendation or to have two recommendations accompanying each other.

13. The Bureau also discussed several concerns with regard to the inclusion of the Appendices, noting several contracting parties supported the inclusion of them. The Bureau was not able to consider which Appendices should be retained or removed, and their sequence.

³ <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/87271/>

⁴ Compiled comments on draft CPM Recommendation “Safe provision of food and other aid to prevent the introduction of plant pests during an emergency situation (2018-026)”: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/cpm/current-consultations-for-cpm-recommendations/>

14. The Bureau considered the points mentioned above along with the responses to comments and was not able to recommend the draft CPM Recommendation for adoption. Instead, the Bureau deemed necessary to send the draft CPM Recommendation for one more round of country consultation in 2020.

15. Following this request, the Secretariat circulated the draft CPM recommendation for consultation between 1 July and 30 September 2020 using the OCS, with a view to presenting a final version for adoption.

16. Through this process, over 500 comments were received. The compiled comments are publically available on the IPP⁵ and have been addressed by the submitting country and reviewed by the Secretariat to the maximum extent possible.

17. Revised text with supporting documents was presented to the Bureau's December 2020 virtual meeting.

18. There were general comments received that were supportive, especially from countries or regions that are more likely to receive aid, and others that raised significant concerns especially regarding the scope and the appendices. The need for additional communication and support material was raised several times and several contracting parties again supported a proposal for a concept standard to be submitted in the 2021 call for topics, due to the importance of this issue and the need of a number of countries likely to receive aid, for more detailed guidance.

19. The Bureau considered the comments and the revised text and agreed to remove the appendices as it was suggested that would go beyond the IPPC's mandate. After some revisions to the text and highlighting the importance of this topic, the Bureau agreed to recommend the draft CPM recommendation on "Safe Provision of food and other humanitarian aid to prevent the introduction of plant pests during an emergency situation (2018-026)" to the CPM-15 (2021) for adoption.

20. So as not to lose the valuable information contained in the Appendices, especially for those countries likely to receive aid and seeking material to educate and support aid agencies, it is proposed the Appendices be included on the IPP as contributed resources and as guidance material, in a suitable format, and following the contributed resources process.

B. "Facilitating safe trade by reducing the incidence of contaminating pests associated with traded goods (2019-002)"

21. The draft CPM Recommendation on the topic "Facilitating safe trade by reducing the incidence of contaminating pests associated with traded goods (2019-002)" has been further developed, as requested at CPM-14, through an international workshop and virtual drafting group. The IPPC Strategic Planning Group (SPG) in 2019⁶ recommended to CPM-15 for consideration in view of its approval for consultation. The draft text will be presented to CPM, seeking approval for consultation in 2021.

III. Decisions

22. The CPM is invited to:

- 1) *Adopt* that a draft CPM Recommendation "*Safe provision of food and other humanitarian aid to prevent the introduction of plant pests during an emergency situation (2018-026)*" contained in CPM 2021/16_01.
- 2) *Agree* to submit to consultation the draft CPM Recommendation on "Facilitating safe trade by reducing the incidence of contaminating pests associated with traded goods (2019-002)",

⁵ <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/88840/> and <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/cpm/current-consultations-for-cpm-recommendations/>

⁶ <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/governance/strategic-planning-group/>

contained in CPM 2021/16_02, between 1 July and 30 September 2021 using the OCS, with a view to presenting a final version for adoption at CPM-16 (2022).